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**DCR OFFERS ACCESSIBLE YURT CAMPING IN SEPTEMBER FOR CAMPERS WITH DISABILITIES**

**What:** The Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Universal Access Program will offer accessible yurt camping for individuals with disabilities, their families, and friends at Otter River State Forest and Shawme-Crowell State Forest in September. Yurts offer an accessible camping experience for people of all abilities, and are a comfortable way to enjoy natural surroundings.

A yurt is a circular, domed structure that is supported by a wooden frame and covered in heavy, durable canvas. It has a spacious interior with skylight, screened windows, and locking doors. DCR yurts are furnished with beds, a table and chairs, and electricity. They can accommodate either 4 or 6 people, and cost between \$45 to \$55 per night for Massachusetts residents and \$50 to \$60 per night for non-Massachusetts residents.

**When:** September 10, 2015-September 13, 2015

**Where: Otter River State Forest**

86 Winchendon Road  
Baldwinville, MA 01436  
(978)-939-8962

**Shawme-Crowell State Forest**

42 Main Street  
Sandwich, MA 02563  
(508)-888-0351

For more information or for directions, please visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/accessibility/accessible-camping-generic.html>

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